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**In the application of :** Andrew G. Bevan et al  
**Serial No. :** 09/385,938  
**Filed :** August 30, 1999  
**For :** Synchronisation Modelling Using Templates and Network Management System  
**Examiner :** Tod A. Kupstas  
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2002 with reference to US application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) In a communications network comprising a plurality of network elements, a method of providing management data describing synchronisation trail information for said network elements, said method comprising the steps of:

obtaining network element synchronisation data;  
obtaining network element connectivity data; and  
computing synchronisation trail information for said network elements from said synchronisation data and said connectivity data.